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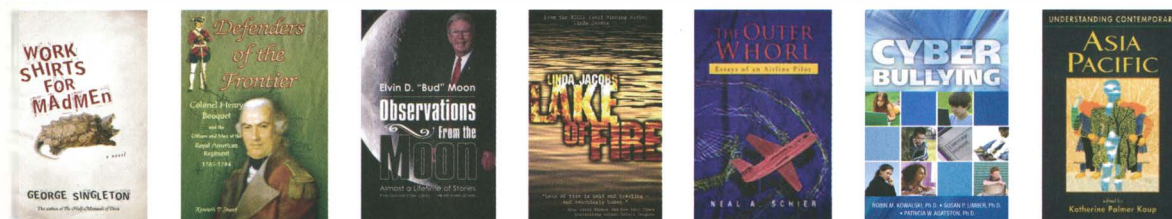
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### FROM ALUMNI

George Singleton '80, *Work Shirts for Madmen* (Harcourt, 2007). Back with his second novel and sixth book (including four collections of short stories), Singleton has been described by the Charleston (S.C.) *Post and Courier* as "one of the most talented American writers the South has turned out in decades." *Work Shirts* tells the story of Harp Spillman, a once prominent metal sculptor whose inability to avoid demon rum threatens to destroy his artistic reputation. He gets a chance at redemption when he is commissioned to create a series of metal angels for the city of Birmingham, Ala. How will Harp handle this project? Can he stay sober? And what of his relationship with his patient, practical wife Raylou? As usual, the author offers plenty of humorous surprises. The Raleigh (N.C.) *News & Observer* says, "When Singleton gets it right, you feel that a light has been shone on at least half of Dixie." Singleton teaches at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville.

Kenneth P. Stuart '45, *Defenders of the Frontier: Colonel Henry Bouquet and the Officers and Men of the Royal American Regiment 1763-64* (Heritage Books, 2007). Bouquet has been called "the foremost soldier of his day," and yet the publisher says he is "one of the most unappreciated British Army officers from the pre-Revolutionary War period. . . . During the uneasy peace that followed the French and Indian War, Bouquet [and his troops] protected and rescued settlers on the western frontiers of Pennsylvania from increasingly frequent Indian attacks." Stuart is a teacher and historian who lives in Greencastle, Pa.

Eleanor Williams Bradley '54, *Tracing Their Journey, 1550-2006 A.D.: The Families of Emma Ruggles and John Tibbs, Emaline DeLoach and Elias J. Holt* (Reprint Company, 2007). Family histories aren't normally fodder for general interest, but this one includes a lengthy chapter about Albert E. Tibbs '22, a relative of the author's husband (William Bradley '55) who was academic dean at Furman in the late 1940s and '50s and later taught philosophy. Along with recollections of Tibbs' life and work, the book features the Tibbs children, Ted '54, Mary Molina '57 and Albert, Jr. '64. Bradley and her husband are retired and live in Ontario, Canada.

Elvin D. "Bud" Moon '57, *Observations from the Moon* (Insight Publishing, 2007). This set of 75 "observations" could easily have an alternative title: "The Wit and Wisdom of Bud Moon." A retired pharmaceutical salesman who is now a popular humorist and speaker, Moon, who lives in Anderson, S.C., says he's spent his whole life talking, so now he's decided to start writing. This book is a collection of his homespun tales and insightful commentaries.

Linda Heatwole Jacobs '74, *Lake of Fire* (Medallion Press, 2007). Jacobs, who wrote about her career in the summer issue of *Furman*, publishes the third book in her Yellowstone Park trilogy. Set at the turn of the century, it chronicles much of the park's rich early history. Robert Vaughan, a winner of the Spur Award for distinguished writing about the American West, calls the book "bold and brawling — and touchingly human." Jane Bowers of *Romance Reviews Today* says, "The park

could almost be called the third leading player in the drama that unfolds within and around it." To learn more, visit [www.readlindajacobs.com](http://www.readlindajacobs.com).

Neal A. Schier '83, *The Outer Whorl: Essays of an Airline Pilot* (XLibris Press, 2007). The author, who lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa., is an airline pilot and serves in the military reserves. In a review on [airlinepilotcentral.com](http://airlinepilotcentral.com), pilot Ciro Attardo writes that Schier "offers a rare glimpse into the life and psyche of an air transport pilot. . . . Part autobiographical, part tribute, and part examination of what it was like to almost lose 20 years of work in a career due to the post 9/11 fallout through the industry, *The Outer Whorl* slowly and philosophically allows the reader to ask the same questions as to the value of answering the call of flying."

Robin Kowalski '85, Sue Limber and Patricia W. Agatston, *Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age* (Blackwell Publishing Limited, 2007). The publisher says, "With advances in technology, cyber bullying has become more and more prevalent through the use of e-mail, instant messages, chat rooms, and other digital messaging systems — it also brings with it unique challenges for parents and educators. *Cyber Bullying* provides the most current and essential information on the nature and prevalence of this epidemic and provides . . . critical prevention techniques and strategies for effectively addressing electronic bullying." Kowalski, who wrote *Complaining, Teasing, and Other Annoying Behaviors* (Yale University),

teaches psychology at Clemson University, where Limber is a colleague. Agatston is a licensed professional counselor.

C. Melissa Snarr '92, *Social Selves and Political Reforms: Five Visions in Contemporary Christian Ethics* (Continuum Press, 2007). The author is an assistant professor of ethics and society at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Graduate Division of Religion. The publisher says her book "explores and evaluates five different visions of the social self from five key ethicists (Rauschenbusch, Niebuhr, Hauerwas, Harrison, and Townes). It identifies insights and risks associated with each vision of the self and considers the adequacy of each vision for reforms that deepen democracy."

### FROM FACULTY

Kate Palmer Kaup, editor, *Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2007). Kaup, associate professor of political science and chair of Asian Studies at Furman, has compiled an introductory text and resource book for those interested in the Asia Pacific region. The publisher describes it as "a comprehensive introduction to one of the most complex and rapidly changing regions in the world today," and Guoli Liu, a political scientist at the College of Charleston, says, "It is an essential introduction to a dynamic and increasingly significant region."